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To: Labor and Public Employees Committee, Senator T. Boucher & Rep G. Lavielle:

My name is Marissa Woodworth and I am the Controller and one of the shareholders of Frank Roth Co., Inc. We are a small manufacturing company located in Stratford.

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 249 which will require businesses without retirement plans to facilitate participation in a new, state-run retirement plan. I believe this bill is unnecessary at best and truly bad for both employers and employees in our state. It will increase businesses' already burdensome administrative tasks as well as add financial burden. Employees already have many private sector retirement plan options. In addition, it has the potential to create additional liability for all Connecticut taxpayers.

We are a small business employing mostly individuals with no education or training. While working at Frank Roth, they are learning skills while earning a living. It is very difficult for us to compete against overseas businesses and all of the increasing regulatory mandates make it that much more costly and time-consuming. We purchase goods and services from a large network of other local Connecticut small businesses that would also be adversely impacted by this proposed law. With the state unemployment rate so high, I would urge you to consider legislation promoting Connecticut as welcoming to business instead of this decidedly business-unfriendly bill.

Please oppose SB249 to benefit all of Connecticut- my business, other small businesses, all employees and Connecticut's economy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marissa T. Woodworth, CPA  
Controller